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Since Bailey of Texas struck oil on his farm he is not howling against Standard Oil.

That activity does not always bring results is exemplified daily by at least one Independent statesman.

Fate was kind to the people when that New York girl lost her reason before completing her problem novel.

Reports by the Zealandia from the Independent Missionaries to the President will give increased importance to UNCLE SAM in the eyes of Johnmelmuth.

IS IT ONLY A LEADER?

It is timely to consider the effect which has been produced on the minds of men accustomed to weigh public events, by the continuous vaudeville performance given at the Executive Building and Bungalow under the joint stage management of "America" J. Emmeluth and "Oily Bill" White. The view of thoughtful men here is known; one hears the chorus of condemnation on all sides. The effort of the performers to answer to a feeble call for the curtain, excited the risibles as well as the pity, of all who were conversant with American methods.

Accustomed to consider national affairs with an eye gauged for long distances as well as for microscopic investigation, the newspaper writer of the national capital brings to his analysis a familiarity with governmental methods and results which gives to his conclusion something of authority. With these facts known the following editorial from the Washington Star will be read with interest:

It appears from recent comments by the Honolulu press that the Home Rule party has disintegrated and is no longer a serious factor in the situation. But unfortunately the freak session tended as well to demoralize the Republican position, so that the adjournment of the Legislature seems to have left a chaotic state of politics for the next campaign to resolve into a semblance of order.

The mail dispatches announce that the Governor refused to extend the regular session of the Legislature, which has been utterly wasted on futile attempts at bill-passing. The appropriations remain to be passed, and the Governor may call an extra session for this specific purpose later. The chief cause of trouble during the regular session was that each member seemed to think the body had been created solely to permit him to enact some nonsensical idea into law. Some of the propositions, on which The Star has already commented, were almost beyond credence. There was an inordinate amount of wrangling over personalities, whole days being consumed with debates upon items of precedence while the Royalists lost no opportunity to make capital for the lost regime. On the whole, however, the session was probably a wholesome experience, for it at least demonstrated that the unaided, uncontrolled native Hawaiians, spurred on by ignorant demagogues, are not ready to assume the responsibility of legislation and government, and at the same time it may have been a valuable object lesson in showing what to avoid in the drawing of party lines in future campaigns. It is evident that the Home Rule native party, unless it gains a leader of commanding force and determined purpose, will never be a dominant factor in Hawaiian politics.

AALA PARK AND ITS NEEDS.

One of the greatest needs of all the public breathing spaces is that for the improvement of the Aala or River Park. This plot of ground, ewa of Nuuanu stream, since having been set aside by the Legislature two years ago, has received nothing in the way of improvement. It is a desolate spot, its surface now dust and now mud, and for the purpose for which it was intended, as useless as though it was not in existence.

Since the destruction of the Royal School buildings the old quarantine warehouse has been utilized for the pupils. It is not an ideal school house, rather a mere makeshift. It had to be used and it will continue in service for some time. Meanwhile the only playground offered to the children who are instructed there is the waste which was intended to be a park. In its dust and mud they must play, for they cannot get their needed exercise in the busy street. They romp over its filthy surface; the wind sweeps its dust and grime upon them, and they carry away with them the germs of no one knows how many ailments.

At the best this refuse-strewn stretch is unsightly; at the worst it is a breeding ground for disease. The sun bakes its surface and the wind distributes the bacilli where it listeth, and no one knows the fruits of such seed. This, too, when the conditions might be remedied so readily.

The assigned reason for failure to improve the appearance of the park is the lack of appropriation. In the estimates of the Governor, as submitted to the Legislature, the appropriation appears coupled with that for Makiki Park and the addition of the word "new," the amount set down at \$2,040.

But there is a way out of the dilemma, a plan which would mean the almost immediate reclamation of the waste. A dozen convicts might be spared from the rock piles while the entire open space was seeded to grass. This might be done in sections, the part immediately under cultivation being closed until the seed started and the grass was in comparatively little danger of being trodden to death. Any plan which would change this unsightly spot to one which would offer green grass for driving dust or malignant mud would be more acceptable than present conditions.

INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACES.

From this time on every newspaper arriving from the mainland will be scanned by local devotees of sport for news of the racing yachts. Interest will be greater this year, by reason of the fact that with Independence and Constitution struggling for the honor of defending the America's cup, the local loyalty will be fanned by each breeze which drives them forward in a trial. As between the Boston and Bristol crafts American opinion is divided, and each will have its ample following.

Meanwhile news from beyond the Atlantic indicates that the challenger will

be the most formidable opponent against which American handicraft and seamanship has been measured for many years. It may be that the grounding of the Shamrock II during her brush with her elder sister off Southampton will be regarded as an ill omen by sailors, but it is more an evidence that the pilots did not know their business. As to rocks and shoals, it's an old pilot's adage along the Atlantic that if one don't know where they are he should know where they are not.

Although there was really no test in the true sense of the word between the two boats on that occasion, Shamrock II seems to have scored a point or two over her competitor. The new boat footed faster than the old one, but according to the despatches she seemed a bit tender on the wind. All the same she pleased her owner and designer, and new boats are almost always tender. It is not at all likely that Shamrock II will prove to be a crank, but what she really amounts to as an up-to-date cup hunter can only be known after she has spread her wings in company with the American craft. The summer is coming. The fun will soon begin.

Parasites and the Public.

Editor Advertiser: The following suggestions are offered the public for consideration:

1. Incubables, habitual drunkards, gamblers, burglars and tramps, while free, are a menace to all who are self-supporting.

2. In some way, directly or indirectly, people who work must provide food and clothing for those who do not work. Tramps, burglars, drunkards, gamblers, must eat. If in prison, workers are taxed for their support; if free, they exact tribute from all who have means.

3. If free, tramps and burglars and drunkards reproduce their kind; and the same problems repeat themselves endlessly. If in prison, and set to work upon public roads, or to manufacturing articles for the market, they are doing work that honest men need, to support their families.

4. The duty every Government owes self-supporting men and women is absolute freedom from parasites. Whether these parasites appear as tramps or as burglars, or as incurables, does not matter. Those who are sick should be in hospitals. All the rest should work. If they say they cannot get work—well, a Government farm would settle that matter. There they could and should be self-supporting. They should have nothing there their labor did not produce. The expense of establishing such a farm would be considerable. The expense afterwards would be much less than under the present system.

Paternalism? Yes. But paternalism by a Caesar, for personal ends, is one thing; paternalism by intelligent, industrious people for their self-preservation—for the best interests of coming men and women—is quite another matter.

ULDRICK THOMPSON.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

By exposing a metal plate to the violent rays of the spectrum M. Naudon has obtained X rays from sunlight, without electricity.

The stingless bee, of which several colonies have been discovered in the island of Montserrat in the West Indies, will be an object of much interest as it is believed that its honey producing capabilities will be greatly improved in modern hives.

Natural granite pulverized and shaped by pressure and heat was used at first for ornamental blocks. It has been since found serviceable for electric insulation, and its resistance to acids and chlorine have now given it a place for lining sulphite digesters for treating wood pulp.

A "leather-sole fluid," proposed by E. Soxhlet for preventing slipping, consists of 50 grammes of thick turpentine, 200 grammes of colophony, 50 grammes of benzine and 200 grammes of alcohol, the mixture being allowed to stand in a bottle in a warm place until the turpentine and colophony have dissolved. The solution is applied several times to the shoe soles. Not only is the slipperiness overcome, but the leather is preserved.

Readings of the wind's force are transmitted electrically to a distance by a new French instrument. The spindle carrying the revolving cups of an ordinary anemometer also carries a small gramme ring, which revolves in the field of a strong permanent magnet, and connection is made between the coils of the ring and a special form of voltmeter, whose graduations are adjusted to correspond to speeds of the wind as measured by the anemometer.

In an examination of the fluids of 5042 stomachs Dr. J. H. Kellogg has found 28.3 per cent to contain bacteria. None exist when the food has been sterile. Hydrochloric acid seems to be less important in giving antiseptic power to the stomach than has been supposed, but it was proven that a fruit dietary will sterilize the stomach through the action of the vegetable acids. In some cases of bacterial derangement an exclusive fruit diet for two days to a week may be necessary. Any acid fruit may be employed, and is more active raw than cooked. Ripe bananas and even ripe olives, though without marked germicidal power, may be included in the fruit dietary with advantage.

The production of cocoanut butter at the factory in Mannheim, which dates from 1886, has now reached about ten tons per day. This material, which is used as a substitute for butter and lard, is claimed to contain 99 per cent of vegetable fat with only a trace of water, while ordinary butter consists of 85 per cent of fat and nearly 15 per cent water. The price in Germany is about half that of butter. Cocoanut butter keeps three or four months in a cool place, and its wholesomeness and digestibility are giving it a steady gain in favor for baking and cooking, especially for hospitals and army camps. The processes by which the fat of the cocoanut kernel is freed from free acids and other substances are mostly secret.

A new apparatus of Mr. Sherard Cowper-Coles, a London physicist, is designed to localize sounds rapidly and to project sounds to a great distance. It consists essentially of an upright concave mirror, suitably mounted, in the focus of which is fixed one right concave mirror, suitably mounted at this end of the tube being turned toward the mirror while one at the other end is free. The mounting enables the operator to raise or lower the mirror, or to turn it toward any point. To find the direction from which any sound comes, it is simply necessary to listen at the free mouthpiece while the mirror is moved until sound reaches its greatest intensity; and for sending forth speech or other sounds the free mouthpiece serves as a transmitter. Conversation over a long distance may be carried on between operators having duplicates of the apparatus.

OF CURRENT INTEREST.

This is the World's Book Market.

London publishers have been getting the worst of it, according to Colonel G. B. M. Harvey, head of Harper & Bros., who returned from a brief European tour recently. This simply adds one more casualty to the list of British trade misfortunes. Colonel Harvey says there does not exist in England today what American publishers would consider even a moderate demand for either books or periodicals. England is beginning to realize that the United States has become the great book market of the world, the keynote of success, according to Colonel Harvey being the publishing of American works by American authors.

Motors for Farmers.

With reference to motors for farmers, a correspondent informs the London Daily Mail of a recently patented improvement in the construction of self-propelled vehicles for heavy traffic on common roads, by which it is unnecessary to employ both a motor and a trailer to carry six tons. By this new arrangement every axle is made to be a driving axle, and the motive power does not interfere with the carrying capacity of the van. This insures gain of power, grip and speed. In addition to which the carrying capacity of each pair of wheels is greatly increased, being practically ten tons, as against five by the present system.

Professional Pallbearers.

Milwaukee has a novelty for native Americans. It is the Uniformed Pallbearers' Association. The men wear black broadcloth uniforms, broad white collars and knee breeches. They perform for compensation the trying duty now generally allotted to the nearest friends of a decedent. As many coffins are too heavy for any but muscular, the innovation is not likely to lack gradual favor, although at first it may seem wanting in deference and tenderness. In the Old World uniformed mourners as well as uniformed pallbearers are the rule.

A Jefferson Mulberry Tree.

"When Jefferson was Minister to France," recalled a prominent Virginian the other day, "he had the idea of introducing silk culture in Virginia, and brought back with him several slips of the mulberry tree. It was his custom to ride from Monticello over to the plantation of John M. Walker, whose property joined some of his own. He brought with him on one of these trips two young mulberry shoots, which were planted in front of Walker's door. One of these trees still survives, a giant, on what is now my farm."

Much Corn Flour Being Made.

"The great corn crops have added immensely to the wealth of our people," remarked an Illinois man in a recent interview. "In Decatur county there are many mills devoted exclusively to grinding corn and making corn flour. Within a few months a big export trade has been started with England, Germany, Holland, South Africa and other countries. Some claim that corn flour, which is mixed with wheat flour in Europe, is deleterious. This is erroneous. Corn flour is just as healthy as any cereal that men use for making bread."

A Town of People at a Load.

The Cunard steamer Saxonia reached Boston the other day with 2,172 passengers from Liverpool—a whole township of people—1,972 of them steerage. Scandinavians and Norwegians made up the largest factor of them, some 900 or so, with 826 Irish immigrants and 208 English adults—not reckoning in children and infants, some Finns and people of other nationalities. There were some 300 or more would-be immigrants left waiting at Queenstown, because the Cunard Company did not care to take them in the Saxonia.

Gave the Prince a Fake Curio.

When King Edward, as Prince of Wales, visited India he received among other presents a curious clock, which was said to have been made by a Hindoo priest of extraordinary sanctity. After the timepiece had been brought to London it stopped running and until recently lay quiescent in Marlborough House. On being sent to an expert to be put in working order it was found to have on the mainspring the name of a London firm of bogus curio makers.

Dewey's Flagship Rebuilt.

The Olympia is undergoing a great change at the Charleston navy yard. Since the Spanish-American war it has been the policy of the Navy Department to do away with as much wood as possible in order to decrease the fire risk, and in case of the Olympia the wood is to be replaced with iron. When the Olympia leaves the navy yard next August, after a stay of twenty-two months, she will be a new ship from stem to stern.

Marconi's Hoosier Bride-Elect.

Miss Josephine Bowen Holman, an Indianapolis girl, who is to marry Marconi, is herself an enthusiastic laboratory worker, and has devoted a great deal of her attention in that line to electricity.

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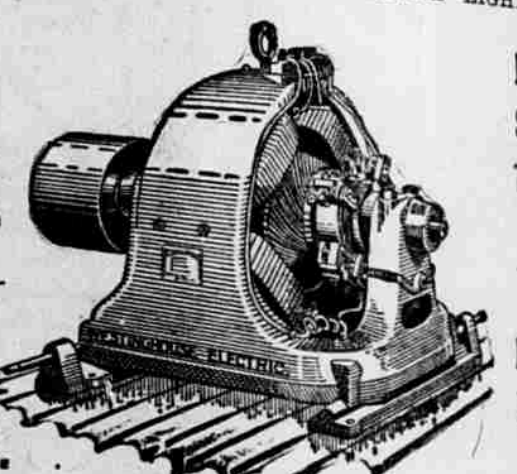
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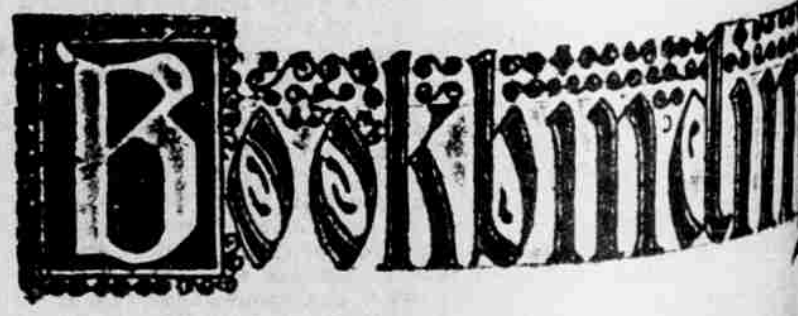
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